

Dear St. John the Evangelist parishioners,

I am writing to ask your support for an Archdiocese-wide initiative that Cardinal Tobin has launched to support our parish community, outreach to those in need, and parishes in response to the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on everyday life.

We are partnering with the team at GoFundMe, a leading online giving organization, to provide one online platform for the faithful to support outreach to those most in need as well as cover the critical needs of their own and other parish communities during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This is a coordinated and unified effort. The first place people often go in time of need is the local parish. Under the current conditions brought on by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, parishes are limited in the services they can offer to the faithful.

Cardinal Tobin has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment in support of this initiative.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish. Visit our parish GoFundMe page: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/st-john-the-evangelist-ch-bergenfield>.

The funding flow for this initiative offers both simplicity and transparency for our parish community and others who choose to contribute:

- All money raised through individual parish GoFundMe pages will flow into a central archdiocesan fund, and the Parish Business Services team will aim to release all funds to parishes in the amount raised for the parish within the week
- Pastors, parishioners, and the public can track how much each parish has raised in total on their individual parish GoFundMe pages
- All money raised through the *Parishes in Need* fund will be distributed to conduct outreach to those in need and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically

You may also continue to give through your typical methods if you prefer:

- For those who would like to continue to give through envelopes or cash during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, please: mail your envelopes to the rectory.
- For those who already give through our Parish Giving program, you may continue to do so. For those who would like to start a Parish Giving account, go to our parish website, www.sjrc.org, and click the Parish Giving icon at the bottom of the home page to set it up.
- Please also remember the Annual Appeal among your options for contributing

Our parish is livestreaming Masses daily at 9am in English and 10am in Spanish on Facebook and Instagram. Our Facebook address is St. John the Evangelist RC Church – Bergenfield, NJ and our Instagram address is sjrcbergenfield. For updates, please visit our parish website, www.sjrc.org. We will soon be establishing a link to Constant Contact, so that we will be able to update you automatically as things develop.

Thank you for generosity to our parish and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone.

For a message from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., the *Parishes in Need* fund, and more on how this initiative will support the critical needs of our parish communities, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/parishsupport>

For more information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the Archdiocese of Newark's response, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/COVID19>

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